

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re

Application of: Howard Tanner et al.

Rule 53 Divisional of Application

Serial No.: 08/896,415

Filed: June 30, 1998

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE SURGICAL REPAIR OF
 ANEURYSMS

Attorney Docket #: 23660-00611

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after line 1, insert the following:

--This application is a divisional application of utility application Serial No. 08/896,415, filed on July 18, 1997.--;

line 2, change " _____ " to --06/051,209--.

Page 45, line 20, change "apply" to --applies--.

Page 46, line 1, delete "shape memory alloy" and "titanium,";

line 14, change "fastner" to --fasteners--; and